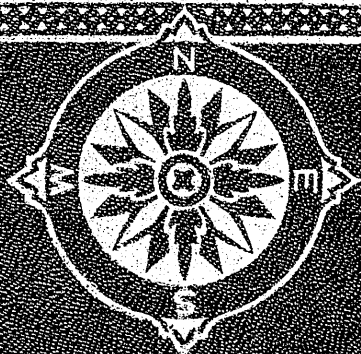


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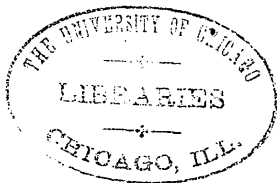
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## INTRODUCTORY.

The modern tourist has many a vade-mecum suitable for pocket, grip, or hand-bag, which supplies guidance and direction both for motor tours and for trips by rail. The railroad folder and the hotel guide and, more recently, the Road Guide or Blue Book for motorists are deemed indispensable. Few of us fail to supply ourselves with these and similar aids for enjoyable, safe, and intelligent travel as we start on a tour. Europe has had these many years her *Baedekers*, and the great tourist bureaus furnish many attractive and helpful manuals for those who go on sightseeing trips. But there has to my knowledge been little or no provision of an analogous kind for satisfying the needs of the spirit when we leave the home with its daily devotions and when we separate ourselves for a season from the sanctuary at which we are accustomed to worship on the Lord's Day. To many a Christian the motor trip, the railroad journey, the tour abroad, have meant a temporary severance of spiritual relations, which is

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apt, as the days of travel lengthen, to become almost complete. True, the Testament and Psalms have not been wanting in the equipment of those resolved to take God with them on a sightseeing or pleasure trip, or on journeys for the restoration of the health, and if the present little manual is to be viewed as a substitute for that greatest of all companions and guides, the Word of God, it had better never been written. But in supplying this help for those who desire to tour with God I have given the major portion of it to extracts from that best of all books — selections from the Old and New Testaments, suitable for reading on various occasions during a tour, whether on land or sea, in good and evil days. A number of prayers and selected portions of sacred poetry have been added in order to give opportunity for utterance of those thoughts which the contemplation of nature, and the experiences of travel generally, stir up in the heart of a Christian. It will thus be found, so the compiler believes, to prove an aid to the traveler in maintaining a Christian attitude toward the scenes and experiences of tour-

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ing, to strengthen his communion with God under conditions that have otherwise too often proved dangerous to a consistent Christian life, and to heighten the joys of a motor trip, of journeys by rail or by steamer, through shedding rays of eternity's light upon the paths of travel. For in a peculiar sense this has been to many a

light that never *was on sea or land* —.

Yet why should it not be? Only in the light of divine guidance and companionship do we find on our journeys that interpretation of nature and of human experience which adds permanent values to our lives.

THEO. GRAEBNER.

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I

THE JOURNEY'S START

and

SOME DAILY FOOD



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## On the Beginning of a Journey.

I am with you, saith the Lord.

*Hag. 1, 13.*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

*Ps. 119, 105.*



E that dwelleth in the secret place of  
the Most High shall abide under the  
shadow of the Almighty. I will say unto  
the Lord, He is my Refuge and My  
Fortress; my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the  
fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall  
cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings  
shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and  
buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,  
nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the  
pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the de-  
struction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall  
fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand,  
but it shall not come nigh thee.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee  
to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee  
up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against  
a stone.

*From the Ninety-first Psalm.*

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## Jesus, Savior, Guide Me on My Journey.



ESUS, Savior, guide me on my journey,  
Thou alone canst lead me safely on;  
None but Thou can know the way  
before me,  
None but Thou can help my race  
to run.

Over land and sea and vale and mountain  
Fain I follow Thy directing hand;  
If the Lord were not my true Companion,  
Never should I reach the Promised Land.

When I sleep, Thou watchest o'er my slumbers;  
When I wake, Thou guardest every foe.  
At the parting of the ways I seek Thee  
And consult Thy word in every woe.

Lord, let me abide with Thee forever!  
Thou art meat and drink and joy for me;  
As Thy mercy shines anew each morning,  
Let me consecrate each day to Thee,

Till the task is done and night approaches,  
And Thy call shall reach my listing ear;  
Till I cross death's long and awful ocean  
And before my Pilot I appear.

J. T. MUELLER, *from the German.*



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## Morning Meditations.



HIS book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord, Thy God, is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

*From the Book of Joshua.*



THE heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

*From the Nineteenth Psalm.*



T is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High; to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night, upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the psaltery, upon the harp with a solemn sound. For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will triumph in the works of Thy hands. O Lord, how great are Thy works! And Thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not, neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed forever. But Thou, Lord, are most high forevermore.

*From the Ninety-second Psalm.*



LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless

Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Morning Hymn.



LORY to Thee, my God, this morn  
For all the blessings newly born!  
At Thy command Thy angels bright  
Their vigils o'er me kept this night.  
Oh, let them guard me through the day  
That from Thy paths I may not stray,  
But at the setting of the sun  
Give thanks to Thee for duty done.

Teach me to love but Thee alone  
And Christ, who did for me atone.  
And may Thy Holy Ghost e'er be  
My comfort in adversity!  
Teach me my faith by works to prove,  
My neighbor as myself to love,  
And let Thy Word a lamp e'er be  
To lead me home to heav'n and Thee!

A. M.

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## Dew-Drops.



HENCE come the sparkling dew-drops  
To greet our sleepy eyes  
Like little deeds of kindness  
That take us by surprise?  
They hang their diamonds on the flower,  
And crown the sunny green  
With jewels and with diadems  
Far fairer than a queen.

So noiseless is their coming,  
We fail to hear their tread,  
And darkness hides the secret  
Of how these tears are shed.  
Who brings these treasures from the skies  
Before the dawn of day,  
Those evanescent tiny globes  
In all their bright array?

Are they the tears of angels,  
In sacred gladness born?  
Methinks our Master sends them  
As tokens of the morn,  
When glory gleams around the throne  
In pearly heights above,  
That we might learn how good He is  
And thank Him for His love.

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## Evening Meditations.



GOD, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee. My soul thirsteth for Thee; my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is, to see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the Sanctuary. Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in Thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips, when I remember Thee upon my bed and meditate on Thee in the night-watches. Because Thou hast been my Help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings I will rejoice.

*From the Sixty-third Psalm.*





UT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning; I say, more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*The Hundred and Thirtieth Psalm.*



**M**OST merciful God, lest through our own frailty or the temptations which encompass us we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy

Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls, that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice, that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good will, with a conscience void of offense towards Thee and toward all men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



**W**E beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the fear of

them, that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Amen.

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## Purple and Gold.



PURPLE and gold the sun sinks  
down,  
Splendorous clouds his glorious  
crown;

Under a shining violet sky  
Softly the waves of the ocean sigh.

Dark grows the depth, and dark grows the  
height;

Gemmed with dreams comes the velvet  
night;

Bright with hope, from far heaven's bars,  
Sparkle the jewels of God, the stars.

WILLIAM BENIGNUS.

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## Weary Now, I Fall Asleep.



WEARY now, I fall asleep,  
Close my eyes in slumbers deep;  
Father, let Thy watchful eye  
Guard me from Thy throne on  
high.

All the wrong I've done this day,  
Let it be forgiv'n, I pray;  
Cleanse my errors 'neath the flood  
Of my Savior's precious blood.

Hold Thy kind, protecting hand  
Over home and kin and friend;  
Let each howling tempest cease  
And each troubled heart find peace.

Take the sick into Thy care,  
Wipe away the mourner's tear,  
While the smiling stars proclaim  
Silent praises to Thy name.

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## Repentance.



OUT of the deep I call  
To Thee, O Lord, to Thee;  
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;  
Be merciful to me.

Out of the deep I cry,  
The woeful deep of sin,  
Of evil done in days gone by,  
Of evil now within.

Out of the deep of fear  
And dread of coming shame;  
From morning watch till night is near,  
I plead the precious name.

Lord, there is mercy now,  
As ever was, with Thee;  
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;  
Be merciful to me.

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## In God We Trust.



HERE is an eye that never sleeps  
Beneath the wings of night;  
There is an ear that never shuts  
When sink the beams of light;  
There is a strength that never tires  
When human strength gives way;  
There is a love that never fails  
When human loves decay.



THE day is done; the gloomy  
shadows falling;  
The weary toiler turns to home  
and rest.  
We turn to Thee, O Father kind in heaven,  
With peaceful slumbers let this night be blest!

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## Hear My Prayer, O Heavenly Father!



HEAR my prayer, O heavenly Father,  
Ere I lay me 'down to sleep;  
Bid Thy angels pure and holy,  
Round my bed their vigil  
keep.

My sins are heavy, but Thy mercy  
Far outweighs them, every one;  
Down before Thy cross I cast them,  
Trusting in Thy help alone.

Keep me through this night of peril  
Underneath its boundless shade;  
Take me to Thy rest, I pray Thee,  
When my pilgrimage is made.

None shall measure out Thy patience  
By the span of human thought;  
None shall bound the tender mercies  
Which Thy Holy Son has bought.

Pardon all my past transgressions,  
Give me strength for days to come;  
Guide and guard me with Thy blessing  
Till Thy angels bid me home.





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II

ASPECTS OF NATURE

and

THE DIVINE PRESENCE



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## The Glories of Nature.

Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength; so will we sing and praise Thy power. — *Ps. 21, 13.*

I will meditate on all Thy works;  
I muse on the work of Thy hands.  
*Ps. 143, 5.*



HE turneth the wilderness into a standing water and dry ground into watersprings. And there He maketh the hungry to dwell that they may prepare a city for habitation and sow the fields and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

*From the One Hundred and Seventh Psalm.*

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## Praise Ye the Lord.



ING, ye everlasting mountains!

Field and forest, clap your  
hands!

Babbling brook and flowing fountains,  
Murmur gently o'er the lands.

Evening star and star of morning,  
Sing together while ye may.  
Youth and age, thy best adorning  
Is to praise the Lord each day.

Roses, breathe your sweetest fragrance  
Round the restless brow of care!  
Violet, may all thy incense  
Hallow every evening prayer!

Robin, lark, and little cricket,  
Chirp and warble loud and long.  
Vale and meadow, wood and thicket,  
Join the universal song.

W. M. CZAMANSKE.

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## This Fair World.



HE lark ascends, an embodied song,  
Drawn heavenward by an attraction  
strong,  
Triumphantly trilling, and thrilling  
the air —

"The world is fair!"

The morning beam awakens the flower,  
And forthwith she opens her fragrant bower,  
To breathe out in perfume and radiance rare —

"The world is fair!"

In shimmering lake and in silvery stream  
Waves chase one another, they dance and they  
gleam;

Lap-lapping the shore, they gently declare —

"The world is fair!"

Why standest, O man, so dull and distressed,  
Forever regarding thine own troubled breast?  
Look up, look around, in the jubilation share —

"The world is fair!"

*Trans. from the German by EDW. TAYLOR.*

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## A Land of Smiling Crops.

Who knoweth not in all these that the  
hand of the Lord hath wrought  
this? — *Job 12, 9.*



HE watereth the hills from His chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle and herb for the service of man, that He may bring forth food out of the earth; and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread, which strengtheneth man's heart.

*From the One Hundred and Fourth Psalm.*



ORD God! We acknowledge our unworthiness to receive the many blessings which Thou in Thy mercy hast bestowed upon our country. But we pray Thee that, as Thou hast so graciously and generously provided for us in the past, so Thou would also in the future hold Thy blessing hand over us. And we pray that by Thy kind providence for our temporal needs we may ever be reminded and led to contemplate more earnestly Thine infinitely greater Gift to us, even Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, through whose cleansing blood Thou hast made us meet to be partakers of the eternal gift of heaven. In His name we ask this. Amen.



MOST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew; we yield Thee unfeigned thanks and praise, as for all Thy mercies, so especially for the return of seed-time and harvest and for crowning the year with Thy goodness, in the increase of the ground, and the gathering in of the fruits thereof. And, we beseech Thee, give us a just sense of this great mercy, such as may appear in our lives, by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer.*



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## First Sight of the Sea.



BY the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; He layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

*From the Thirty-third Psalm.*

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## A Thought of Home at Sea.



IS lone on the waters  
When eve's mournful bell  
Sends forth to the sunset  
A note of farewell;

When, borne with the shadows  
And winds as they sweep,  
There comes a fond memory  
Of Home o'er the deep;

When the wing of the sea-bird  
Is turned to her nest  
And the heart of the sailor  
To all he loves best.

'Tis lone on the waters —  
That hour hath a spell  
To bring back sweet voices  
And words of farewell.

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## On the Seashore.



COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all the gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

*From the Ninety-fifth Psalm.*



LORD, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships; there is that leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein. These wait upon Thee that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That Thou givest them, they gather; Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled; Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

*From the One Hundred and Fourth Psalm.*

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## To the Sea.



THOU glorious sea! more pleasing  
far  
When all thy waters are at  
rest

And noonday sun or midnight star  
Is shining on thy waveless breast.

More pleasing far than when the wings  
Of stormy winds are o'er thee spread  
And every billowy mountain flings  
Aloft to heaven its foaming head.

Yet is the very tempest dear,  
Whose mighty voice but tells of thee;  
For, wild or calm, or far or near,  
I love thee still, thou glorious sea.

MRS. HEMANS.

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## Adoration.



ETHINKS I stand beside the sea,  
Sublimely deep and far and wide,  
My hands raised up to shelter me  
From all its swift, onrushing tide;  
And yet I would not flee and call—  
I welcome breakers, flood, and all!

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## Mountains.



THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep. O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

*From the Thirty-sixth Psalm.*



ORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*From the Ninetieth Psalm.*





F old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end. The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before Thee.

*From the One Hundred and Second Psalm.*



ING unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God; who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse; He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Psalm.*

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## I Lift Mine Eyes unto the Hills.

Ps. 121.



LIFT mine eyes unto the hills,  
The hills that kiss the starry skies,  
That speak of wisdom, power, and  
might,  
And make my weary thoughts arise.

And higher still I wing my prayer  
To Thee, O Lord of love and grace;  
Thy promise is my only plea  
To spread my wants before Thy face.

Thou wilt not suffer me to fall,  
Wilt guard me when I wake or sleep;  
My going out and coming in  
I place into Thy hands to keep.

Preserve my life from every ill  
And guide me to the blessed shore  
That I may praise Thee even now  
From this time forth and evermore.

W. M. CZAMANSKE.

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## The Hills of Peace.



T is well to live in the valley sweet,  
Where the work of the world is  
done,  
Where the reapers sing in the fields  
of wheat

As they toil till the set of sun.

Ah, yes, it is well to live on the plain,  
Where the river flows on through the fields,  
Where the ships sail down to the boundless main  
With the wealth that the valley yields.

But beyond the meadow the hills I see,  
Where the noises of traffic cease,  
And follow a voice that calleth to me  
From the hilltop regions of peace.  
The airs, as they pass me, sweet odors bring,  
Unknown in the valley below,  
And my spirit drinks from a hidden spring,  
Where the waters of comfort flow.

Aye, to live is sweet in the valley fair  
And to toil till the set of sun;  
But my spirit yearns for the hilltop's air  
When the day and its work are done.  
For a presence breathes o'er the silent hills,  
And its sweetness is living yet;  
The same deep calm all the hillside fills  
As breathed over Olivet.

E. H. TROWBRIDGE.

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## Rainy Days.



FOR as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign, that shall not be cut off.

*From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*



YE have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

*From the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*

*(Sermon on the Mount.)*

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## Clear Skies After Heavy Rains.



LESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty; who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind; who maketh His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire; who laid the foundation of the earth that it should not be removed forever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from His chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

*From the One Hundred and Fourth Psalm.*



LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by Thy late visitation of us with immoderate rain and waters and in Thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; we praise and glorify Thy holy name for this Thy mercy and will always declare Thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer.*



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## Starlight and Moonlight.



RAISE ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. Praise ye Him, all His angels; praise ye Him, all His hosts. Praise ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them forever and ever; He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Psalm.*



LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the Son of Man, that Thou visitest Him? For Thou hast made Him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned Him with glory and honor. Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under His feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

*The Eighth Psalm.*



RAISE ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem; He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Psalm.*



GIVE thanks to the Lord of  
lords:

For His mercy endureth for-  
ever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders:

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens:

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that made great lights:

For His mercy endureth forever.

The sun to rule by day:

For His mercy endureth forever.

The moon and stars to rule by night:

For His mercy endureth forever.

Who giveth food to all flesh:

For His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven:

For His mercy endureth forever.

*From the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Psalm.*

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## Ye Boundless Realms.



YE boundless realms of joy,  
Exalt your Maker's fame,  
His praise your song employ  
Above the starry frame.

Your voices raise,  
Ye cherubim  
And seraphim,  
To sing His praise.

Thou moon, that rul'st the night,  
And sun, that guid'st the day,  
Ye glittering stars of light,  
To Him your homage pay.

His praise declare,  
Ye heavens above,  
And clouds that move  
In liquid air.


Let them adore the Lord  
And praise His holy name,  
By whose almighty word  
They all from nothing came;  
And all shall last,  
From changes free;  
His firm decree  
Stands ever fast.

*Book of Common Prayer.*

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## When Viewing the Greatness of Man's Works.

LESSED is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; He considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety; neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

*From the Thirty-third Psalm.*

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MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord,  
all ye lands. Serve the Lord with  
gladness; come before His pres-  
ence with singing. Know ye that  
the Lord, He is God; it is He that hath made  
us, and not we ourselves; we are His people  
and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His  
gates with thanksgiving and into His courts  
with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless  
His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy  
is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all  
generations.

*The One-hundredth Psalm.*



ORD, what is man that Thou takest  
knowledge of him, or the son of  
man, that Thou makest account of  
him? Man is like to vanity; his  
days are as a shadow that passeth away.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Psalm.*

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## Our Country.



O our country, great and glorious,  
Homeland of our myriad  
throng;  
Conquering in peace victorious,  
'Tis to thee we sing our song.  
May thy banner wave forever  
O'er our homes, secure and strong;  
May our hearts forsake thee never,  
Ever right and never wrong!

J. T. MUELLER.



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III

HUMAN QUESTIONINGS  
IN ADVERSITY

and

THE DIVINE ANSWER



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## Lonesome Among Crowds.

There is a friend that sticketh closer  
than a brother. — *Prov. 18, 24.*



NEVERTHELESS I am continually  
with Thee; Thou hast holden me  
by my right hand. Thou shalt  
guide me with Thy counsel and  
afterward receive me to glory. Whom have  
I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon  
earth that I desire beside Thee. My flesh and  
my heart faileth; but God is the Strength of  
my heart and my Portion forever.

But it is good for me to draw near to God;  
I have put my trust in the Lord God that I may  
declare all Thy works.

*From the Seventy-third Psalm.*



LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before and laid Thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

*From the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Psalm.*

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## Irksome Delays.

It is God that girdeth me with strength  
and maketh my way perfect.

*Ps. 18, 32.*



THOU art always the Protector of Thy children, the Good Shepherd of Thy sheep. Thou dost lead us in the path of righteousness for Thy name's sake. We may not see the way, but Thy knowing hand never fails, and our feet will never err if we but follow Thee. We pray that we may trust Thee absolutely and accept every opportunity to do Thy will. Amen.



MAKE us fearless, O Thou almighty God, by bestowing upon us a perfect faith. Do Thou dwell within us and take away all our misgivings that we may find peace with Thee. Amen.



HEAVENLY Father, almighty God, I am so weak and helpless, sinful and foolish. There is but one hope for me—it is in Thee! Help me, make me strong! Take away my despair, gloom, unbelief, and sadness and fill me with radiant, world-conquering faith. And to Thee shall be all the glory now and evermore. Amen.

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## My Plans Were Made.



Y plans were made; I thought my path  
all bright and clear;

My heart with song o'erflowed; the  
world seemed full of cheer.

My Lord I wished to serve, to take

Him for my Guide,

To keep so close that I could feel Him by my side,  
And so I traveled on.

But suddenly, in skies so clear and full of light,  
The clouds came thick and fast, the day seemed  
changed to night;

Instead of paths so clear and full of things so sweet  
Rough things and thorns and stones seemed all about  
my feet,—

I scarce could travel on.

I bowed my head and wondered why this change  
should come

And murmured: "Lord, is this because of aught  
I've done?"

Has not the past been full enough of pain and care?  
Why should my path again be changed to dark  
from fair?"

But still I traveled on.

I listened. Quiet and still there came a voice:  
"This path is Mine, not thine; I made the choice.  
Dear child, this service will be best for thee and Me  
If thou wilt simply trust and leave the end with Me."

And so we travel on.

JEANETTE MCMILLAN.

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## The Tourist Benighted.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. — *Ps. 17, 8.*

The Lord thinketh upon me; Thou art my Help and my Deliverer.

*Ps. 40, 17.*



WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy Keeper; the Lord is thy Shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.

*The One Hundred and Twenty-first Psalm.*





LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thine only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**I**F we will but trust Thee and Thy goodness and mercy, we need not fear the final outcome in all our present difficulties. Thy ways are marvelous and true, leading us to the goal that is best. We pray that we may be so ready to submit to Thy guidance and direction that at every moment we may be ready to glorify Thee in word and deed. Amen.

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## Troublesome Detour.



AND it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war and they return to Egypt." But God led the people about through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea; and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

*From the Book of Exodus.*



OUR Father in heaven, as Thou dost lead us upon paths which are not of our own choosing, do Thou give us the faith to follow, the implicit trust in Thee, without which we cannot hope to feel the joy of Thy presence. Amen.

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## Bad News from Home.

Casting all your care upon Him; for  
He careth for you. — *1 Pet. 5, 7.*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace  
whose mind is stayed on Thee,  
because he trusteth in Thee.

*Is. 26, 3.*



Y soul, wait thou only upon God;  
for my expectation is from Him.  
He only is my Rock and my Sal-  
vation; He is my Defense; I shall  
not be moved. In God is my salvation and my  
glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge  
is in God. Trust in Him at all times; ye  
people, pour out your heart before Him. God  
is a Refuge for us. Selah.

*From the Sixty-second Psalm.*



GOD, great is Thy love to us,  
Thy children. Thou hast blessed  
us from our earliest days. Thou  
art the Giver of all good. Thou  
art our Fortress, our Rock, and our Shield.  
We live and move and have our being in Thee.  
Help us to feel Thy nearness to us. Lift our  
hearts above all doubts and fears. Chase away  
every cloud of darkness from our minds and  
smile upon us through Thy beloved Son. In  
His name we ask it. Amen.



PERFECT Redeemer, Lord Jesus, Thou hast taught us to say to God at all times: "Not my will, but Thine, be done." We often break down in the performance of this lesson. There is so much in us that should not be there, which makes our complete surrender to God so very difficult. Verily, there is nothing to boast of in our resignations or in our consecrations. Thy obedience alone was perfect and constant to the end. Upon that we place our trust, that in spite of all our truancy we are accepted by the Father because Thou hast become Surety and Advocate for us. Oh, grant us by Thy Holy Spirit to do as Thou hast done and to taste even faintly the joy of reposing altogether in God! Thy surrender has been our ransom. Sanctify us by giving us grace to surrender ourselves likewise to the God who has gloriously brought Thee out of every tribulation for our sakes. Amen.

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## Arise, Put Off Thy Mourning!



RISE, put off thy mourning,  
Away with care and gloom!  
Thou'rt not the judge to fathom  
The depths that would consume.  
One reigns, supreme in judgment,  
His wisdom none can tell;  
He giveth joy for weeping,  
He doeth all things well.  
Though yet a time of waiting,  
With sorrow-burdened fear,  
Be thy unwilling portion,  
Doubt not thy help is near.  
However fierce the trial,  
Nigh leading to despair,  
Where God would seem unseeing,  
Behold His presence there.  
Wait for His sovereign ruling,  
Whatever may assail,  
With mercy all-abounding,  
Through Him thou shalt prevail.  
What now thy heart is grieving  
Shall yet a blessing prove;  
Thy thought is mortal weakness,  
His gracious will is Love.

PAUL GERHARDT.

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## Bad News from the Office.

Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him. — *Eccl. 8, 12.*



LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. But Thou, O Lord, art a Shield for me; my Glory and the Lifter-up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God; for Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord; Thy blessing is upon Thy people. Selah.

*From the Third Psalm.*





THE Lord knoweth the thoughts of man that they are vanity. Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of Thy Law, that Thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me  
Thy comforts delight my soul.

*From the Ninety-fourth Psalm.*



HEREFORE I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you, by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek.) For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

*From the Gospel According to St. Matthew.  
(Sermon on the Mount.)*



WE would receive from Thy hand,  
O Father, all that Thou dost give  
unto us. We would accept even  
the failures, the disappointments,  
knowing that Thou art but preparing us for  
greater tasks. But strengthen Thou our faith.  
Amen.

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## Illness.

Weeping may endure for a night, but  
joy cometh in the morning.

*Ps. 30, 5.*

The Lord is my Strength and my  
Shield; my heart trusted in Him,  
and I am helped. — *Ps. 28, 7.*



REMEMBER the word unto Thy  
servant upon which Thou hast  
caused me to hope. This is my  
comfort in my affliction; for Thy  
Word hath quickened me.

*From the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm.*



OR whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

*From the Epistle to the Hebrews.*



AND the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him [Moses] there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth; keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."

*From the Book of Exodus.*



THE Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

*From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.*



ALMIGHTY God, the Refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that in all trouble of this our mortal life we may flee to the knowledge of Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms may pass over us and not shake the peace of God that is within us. Whatsoever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that Thou art our Father. Grant us Thy light that we may have life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



DEAR heavenly Father, Thou art indeed a kind and loving Father, and if Thou dost send misfortune, Thou dost conceal a blessing within it. Do Thou strengthen us to bear our misfortunes confidently and hopefully. Amen.



MY Refuge and my Lord, I believe and hope in Thee. Do with me what pleaseth Thee, for I am Thine. My times are in Thy hand. Let Thy will be done; not what I will, but what Thou wilt. Henceforth even forever I cast all my care upon Thee; for I know that Thou carest for me, yea, even for me. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. I will wait in silence for Thy salvation, O my God, and I will love Thee with my whole heart. Amen.





OUR heavenly Father, the Source of all life and hope, to Thee do we look up in prayer as Thou hast taught us in Thy Word. Thou art the Strength of our lives and the Supply of all our wants. As we turn our thoughts to Thee, may our hearts grow strong in hope, for by hope we are saved. Help us so to direct our lives that we may receive and enjoy the fulfilment of our hope. And to Thy name be all the praise forevermore. Amen.

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## Recovery from Illness.

He shall stand and feed in the strength  
of the Lord, in the majesty of the  
name of the Lord, His God.

*Micah 5, 4.*



LOVE the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul! Gracious is the Lord and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple. I was brought low, and He helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*From the One Hundred and Sixteenth Psalm.*

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**B**LESSED be the Lord because He hath heard the voice of my supplications. The Lord is my Strength and my Shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him. The Lord is their Strength, and He is the saving Strength of His anointed. Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also and lift them up forever.

*From the Twenty-eighth Psalm.*



WILL extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me. O Lord, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave; Thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness. For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

*From the Thirtieth Psalm.*



WAITED patiently for the Lord,  
and He inclined unto me and  
heard my cry. He brought me up  
also out of an horrible pit, out  
of the miry clay, and set my foot upon a rock  
and established my goings. And He hath put  
a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our  
God. Many shall see it and fear and shall  
trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man that  
maketh the Lord his trust.

*From the Fortieth Psalm.*



BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*From the One Hundred and Third Psalm.*



GOD, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety; I bless Thy name that Thou hast been pleased to deliver me from sickness. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May my heart be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness and grant me grace to walk before Thee in loving obedience to Thy commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## More Serious Trouble.

With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible. — *Mark 10, 27.*

For the Lord shall be thy Confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken. — *Prov. 3, 26.*



OD is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled; though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Selah.

*From the Forty-sixth Psalm.*





HEAVENLY Father, do Thou lead our footsteps along the paths that are best for us, and do Thou use Thine omnipotence so to fashion our hearts that we may gladly and willingly walk the ways that Thou dost set for us, knowing that Thy ways are best, even though we cannot understand them. In Jesus' name. Amen.



ORD, as Thou wilt, deal Thou  
with me,

No other wish I cherish;  
In life and death I cling to Thee,

O Lord, let me not perish!

Let but Thy grace ne'er from me part,  
Else as Thou wilt; grant patient heart:  
Thy will the best is ever. Amen.



ORD Jesus Christ, in Thee alone  
My only hope on earth I place;  
For other comforter is none,  
No help have I but in Thy  
grace.

There is no man or creature here,  
No angel in the heavenly sphere,  
Who in my need can succor me.  
I cry to Thee,  
For Thee I trust implicitly. Amen.

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## My Times Are in Thy Hand.



Y times are in Thy hand.

No accident, no fate, no chance,  
No undirected circumstance,  
Can mar or thwart what Thou hast  
planned.

My years and months and days,  
My lot and dwelling-place,  
Are portioned out for me  
With opportunity  
To grasp and to improve.

My times are in Thy hand.

The tawny wild, the brooks and rills,  
The cattle on a thousand hills,  
The restless sea, the rolling land,  
Look up to Thee for bread  
And find their table spread.  
Unfailingly each hour  
Thy hand reveals its power,  
Its wisdom, and its love.

My times are in Thy hand.

Why should my heart give way to fear  
Since Thou hast promised to be near  
When I shall take my final stand?  
The Gospel-bells of peace  
Ring out the soul's release;  
A moment's sleep, and then  
My dust shall rise again  
To immortality.

W. M. CZAMANSKE.

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## Storm at Sea.

Whosoever shall call on the name of  
the Lord shall be delivered.

*Joel 2, 32.*



THEY that go down to the sea in ships,  
that do business in great waters; these  
see the works of the Lord and His  
wonders in the deep. For He com-  
mandeth and raiseth the stormy wind,  
which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up  
to the heaven, they go down again to the depths;  
their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel  
to and fro and stagger like a drunken man and are  
at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and  
He bringeth them out of their distresses. He  
maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof  
are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet;  
so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His good-  
ness and for His wonderful works to the children  
of men!

*From the One Hundred and Seventh Psalm.*



HE Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself. The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old; Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure. Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

*The Ninety-third Psalm.*



THE waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee; they were afraid; the depths also were troubled. The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; Thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven; the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the sea and Thy path in the great waters, and Thy footsteps are not known. Thou leddest Thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

*From the Seventy-seventh Psalm.*



THOU, O Lord, who stillest the raging of the sea, hear, hear us and save us that we perish not.

O blessed Savior, who didst save Thy disciples, ready to perish in a storm, hear us and save us, we beseech Thee. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us; save us now and evermore. Amen.



AND when He was entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inso-much that the ship was covered with the waves; but He was asleep. And His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us; we perish." And He saith unto them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marveled, saying, "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him!"

*From the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*





ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive us into Thy almighty and gracious protection. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labor, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ETERNAL God, we commend ourselves to Thy Almighty protection. Guard us, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea and conduct us in safety to the haven where we desire to be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me.



ESUS, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
Chart and compass came from Thee:  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boisterous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and that peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee!" Amen.

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## Calm After Storm.

They shall abundantly utter the  
memory of Thy great goodness and  
shall sing of Thy righteousness.

*Ps. 145, 7.*



GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty,  
give unto the Lord glory and  
strength. Give unto the Lord the  
glory due unto His name; worship  
the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice  
of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of  
glory thundereth; the Lord is upon many  
waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the  
Lord sitteth King forever. The Lord will give  
strength unto His people; the Lord will bless  
His people with peace.

*From the Twenty-ninth Psalm.*



MOST mighty and gracious good God, Thy mercy is over all Thy works, but in special manner hath been extended towards us, whom Thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. Thou hast shown us terrible things and wonders in the deep that we might see how powerful and gracious a God Thou art; how able and ready to help those who trust in Thee. Thou hast shown us how both winds and seas obey Thy command, that we may learn even from them hereafter to obey Thy voice and to do Thy will. We therefore bless and glorify Thy name for this Thy mercy, in saving us when we were ready to perish. And we beseech Thee, make us as truly sensible now of Thy mercy as we were then of the danger and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to Thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech Thee, this Thy goodness to us, that we, whom Thou hast saved, may serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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LESSED be Thy name, who didst not despise the prayer of thy servants, but didst hear our cry and hast saved us.

Thou didst send forth Thy commandment; and the windy storm ceased and was turned into a calm.

O let us therefore praise the Lord for His goodness and declare the wonders that He hath done, and still doeth, for the children of men.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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IV

SPIRITUAL CONFLICTS

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## On the Lord's Day.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy Temple. — *Ps. 65, 4.*

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

*John 10, 27.*



OD be merciful unto us and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us, Selah; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

*The Sixty-seventh Psalm.*



ET us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the Day approaching.

*From the Epistle to the Hebrews.*



ORD God, heavenly Father, bless the preaching of Thy Word to-day, that we may firmly believe it, conscientiously apply it, and thus be truly blessed subjects of Thy kingdom. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.



O Thou fill our souls with the riches of Thy grace, dear Father in heaven, and may this day impart something unto us which shall abide with us forever, for this life and the life to come. May this day of worship bring us just a bit closer unto Thee! Amen.



S Thou dost call us to, and welcomest us within, Thy tabernacles to-day, O our heavenly Father, do Thou grant that we may have a responsive soul and mind, that Thy great blessings may not be lost by our failure to accept all that Thou hast to offer unto us. Grant that we may learn to worship. Amen.

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## Lord's Day Without Public Worship.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints; for  
the Lord preserveth the faithful.

*Ps. 31, 23.*



NE thing have I desired of the  
Lord, that will I seek after: that  
I may dwell in the house of the  
Lord all the days of my life to  
behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire  
in His Temple. For in the time of trouble  
He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret  
of His Tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall  
set me up upon a rock.

*From the Twenty-seventh Psalm.*



AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me; for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

*From the Forty-second Psalm.*



WE thank Thee, heavenly Father, that through Thy Holy Spirit Thou dost call us again and again into the fellowship of Thy kingdom in righteousness. We are so loath to respond and so slow to come; but Thy mercy never tires, and Thy love never grows weary. We pray Thee that we may more eagerly give heed to Thy calls; for in coming to Thee we are finding life eternal. May we not lose our salvation through our failure to heed Thy invitation to enter righteousness! Amen.

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## Lest We Forget —



HEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee; O let me not wander from Thy commandments! Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in Thy precepts and have respect unto Thy ways. I will delight myself in Thy statutes; I will not forget Thy Word.

*From the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm.*



LESSED Lord, who hast caused all the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of the holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.





ORD, Thou hast given us these glorious revelations that through them we may know Thy will and walk in Thy ways. Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Give unto us grace day after day to do Thy will here on earth as it is being done in heaven. Whenever we have sinned, whenever we have failed, forgive us and cleanse us through Thy precious blood. Amen.

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## Before Going to the Dining-Room or Diner.



ALL Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom and talk of Thy power; to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The Lord upholdeth all that fall and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Psalm.*



ALMIGHTY God, it is Thy power and grace which provides food for all the children of men. Do Thou open our eyes to the glorious workings of Thy providence that our souls may rejoice as our bodies are being fed. Amen.

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## Gratitude for Divine Favors.

Jehovah is the Strength of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

*Ps. 27, 1.*



WILL bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in  
my mouth. My soul shall make  
her boast in the Lord; the humble  
shall hear thereof and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt  
His name together. I sought the Lord, and  
He heard me and delivered me from all my  
fears. They looked unto Him and were light-  
ened; and their faces were not ashamed. This  
poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and  
saved him out of all his troubles. The angel  
of the Lord encampeth round about them that  
fear Him and delivereth them. O taste and see  
that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that  
trusteth in Him.

*From the Thirty-fourth Psalm.*



WE pray Thee, our heavenly Father, that we may become fully conscious of the many mercies which Thy fatherly goodness hath bestowed upon us. From day to day Thou dost provide us with all the necessities of life, and Thou dost protect us against all danger. We thank Thee for all Thy gifts and pray that we may be ever mindful of Thee and of our sacred obligations. Save us from ingratitude and make us willing to surrender our all for the service of life and mercy rendered unto Thy children. Amen.



GOD, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



RACIOUS Father in heaven, help us to adore Thy perfection, to live in the light of Thy holy Law, and to be thankful for all the mercies we constantly enjoy. Teach us, O Lord, to hunger and thirst after righteousness and fill us with heavenly joy. Grant that we may use this entire day to Thine acceptance and to our spiritual good. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## The Lure of Sin.

And every man that striveth for the  
mastery is temperate in all things.

*1 Cor. 9, 25.*

Let him that thinketh he standeth,  
take heed lest he fall.

*1 Cor. 10, 12.*



ORD, I cry unto Thee; make haste  
unto me; give ear unto my voice  
when I cry unto Thee. Let my  
prayer be set forth before Thee as  
incense and the lifting up of my hands as the  
evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before  
my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline  
not my heart to any evil thing, to practise  
wicked works with men that work iniquity;  
and let me not eat of their dainties.

*From the One Hundred and Forty-first Psalm.*



HATE vain thoughts, but Thy Law do I love. Thou art my Hiding-place and my Shield; I hope in Thy Word.

Depart from me, ye evil-doers; for I will keep the commandments of my God!

Uphold me according unto Thy Word that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually. Thou hast trodden down all them that err from Thy statutes; for their deceit is falsehood. Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love Thy testimonies. Order my steps in Thy Word and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

*From the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm.*





BEING, then, that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*From the Epistle to the Hebrews.*



GOD, Thou who art our Refuge and our Strength, do Thou continually watch over us. Do Thou preserve and protect us from the manifold temptations and trials that test our faith. Do Thou make us to understand that, when other helpers fail and comforts flee, we can always come to Thee and find shelter and protection in Thine everlasting arms. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.



GOD, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with, we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities and to give us the constant assistance of the Holy Spirit, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



GOD, cleanse us from all sin and evil, that we may not only escape Thy wrath, but that we may avoid bringing unhappiness and sorrow upon those whom we love. Do Thou guard our hearts from sin this day. Amen.

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## Renew Me, O Eternal Light.



RENEW me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be  
bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Thy holy face.

Destroy in me the lust of sin,  
From all impureness make me clean  
O grant me power and strength, my God,  
To strive against my flesh and blood.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Thy Word  
And naught but what Thou wilt, desire;  
With such new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only Thee may love  
And seek those things which are above,  
Till I behold Thee face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Thy grace.

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## Out of the Shadows.



THEY who on earth were faithful,  
Whose lives here bore the test,  
Who walked through time in patience,  
Obeying God's behest,  
Have marveled at the honors  
That met them in the way,  
Beyond all comprehension  
They found that glorious day.

Out of the vale and shadow  
These children of the King,  
Who overcame temptation,  
Glad alleluias sing.  
The victor's palm of glory  
They bear before the throne,  
The joy of life, unsullied,  
Is their eternal crown.

Lord, Thou dost know our weakness,  
Our failures open lie;  
Naught we can do availeth,  
Our prayer Thou'lt not deny.  
Strengthen our hands, long helpless,  
Direct our steps aright,  
Illumine the heavenward pathway  
With Thy unfailing Light.

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“Other Refuge Have I None.”



UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions; according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He teach sinners in the way. The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way.

*From the Twenty-fifth Psalm.*



THE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide, neither will He keep His anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth His children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

*From the One Hundred and Third Psalm.*



UT after that the kindness and love of God, our Savior, toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*From the Epistle of Paul to Titus.*





WILL arise and go to my father and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before thee and am no more worthy to be called thy son." — *Luke 15, 18. 19.*



F we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1, 8. 9.*



LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Thy Son's, our Lord Jesus Christ's, sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus, our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



THOU almighty God, who hast called us to stand before Thee, do Thou sanctify us through Thy Holy Spirit that we may be cleansed in heart, worthy to stand in the presence of Thine holiness, lest we be consumed by Thine anger. Amen.



LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offenses, that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

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## Holy Cross of Calvary.



HOLY Cross of Calvary,  
Through night's shadows gleaming;  
Tender Tree of Life, from thee  
Floods of life are streaming.  
Holy Cross of Calvary,  
Through the ages beaming,  
Calling every heart to thee,  
To thy grace redeeming.  
Holy Cross of Calvary,  
Hope of every nation;  
Holy blood was shed on thee  
For the world's salvation.  
Holy Cross of Calvary,  
Point me to my Savior,  
By whose wounds my soul shall be  
Cleansed and blest forever.

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Holy Cross of Calvary,  
    Basking in thy splendor,  
I will praise unceasingly  
    Christ, my true Defender.  
Holy Cross of Calvary,  
    Life is swiftly passing;  
Let me always cling to thee,  
    In my faith progressing.

Christ, who diedst on Calvary,  
    Help my weak endeavor;  
Sin and evil let me flee,  
    Make me holy ever.  
Holy Cross of Calvary,  
    In death's fatal hour  
Brighten thou the way for me,  
    Be my strength and tower.

J. T. MUELLER.

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## The Reconciliation.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3, 16.*



HEREFORE by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for by the Law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets, even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness, that He might be just and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

*From the Epistle to the Romans.*





SEEING ye have purified your souls  
in obeying the truth through the  
Spirit unto unfeigned love of  
the brethren, see that ye love one  
another with a pure heart fervently. Being  
born again, not of corruptible seed, but of in-  
corruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth  
and abideth forever.

*From the First Epistle of Peter.*



ORD Jesus, our ever-blessed High Priest and only Savior, we thank Thee that by Thy blood Thou hast made and consecrated a new and living way to the heart of Thy Father for us poor sinners, who by the transgression of the Law had closed the gates of heaven against ourselves. Help us to proceed in singleness and uprightness of heart along the way which Thou hast consecrated, in the full assurance that it will lead us into the Holy of Holies, whither Thou hast gone to prepare a place for us. Hear us for Thine own name's sake. Amen.

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## Seeking Another Country.

We, according to His promise, look  
for new heavens and a new earth,  
wherein dwelleth righteousness.

*2 Pet. 3, 13.*



THESE all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He hath prepared for them A City.

*From the Epistle to the Hebrews.*



FOR we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven, if so be that, being clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now, He that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord; for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labor that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him.

*From the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.*



MERCIFUL Father, we approach Thy throne-room to-day, pleading with Thee to bless us with Thy forgiveness and fill us with the certainty and the hope that we, who are pilgrims and sojourners here upon earth, have a glorious home to which we are traveling and in which there is fulness of joy forevermore. Let not the sorrows and the heartaches and the trials of this life rob us of this glorious hope. Let not the riches of this world and the glories thereof dim this hope within us. Bring unto us Thy forgiveness and peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.



DEAR heavenly Father, Thou hast invited me to seek Thy face and to ask for Thy blessings; therefore my heart seeks Thy face, and I pray Thee to forgive my sins, to strengthen my faith, and to protect and guide us, Thy children, upon our journey to the mansions which Thou hast prepared for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## The Christian Pilgrim.



GUEST on earth, I wander;  
No title have I here.  
My fatherland is yonder,  
My heavenly home is there.  
Here to and from I'm driven;  
There is eternal peace,  
There gifts of grace are given,  
There all my toils shall cease.

From childhood's days and ever,  
Behold, what is my life  
But care and hard endeavor  
And weariness and strife!  
There's many a night of sorrow  
Recalled from former years,  
And many a gloomy morrow  
That filled my soul with fears.

How oft did tempests threaten!  
What lightnings round me flashed!  
What stormy winds have beaten,  
What frequent thunders crashed!  
What hatred, what oppression,  
What envy, yea, what scorn,  
In long, undue succession!  
And all with patience borne.

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So now, no more delaying,  
Through this vain world I haste,  
Without a thought of staying  
In this unfriendly waste.  
My feet are upward pressing  
My native land I see,  
Where waits a boundless blessing,  
Where God will comfort me.

My fatherland is yonder,  
Where angels evermore  
In holy awe and wonder  
The mighty Lord adore.  
His hands all things embracing,  
He rules all things aright,  
Exalting and abasing  
As seems good in His sight.

Here troubles throng me thickly;  
This ruined lodging see.  
O come, dear Lord, come quickly  
And set my spirit free.  
Yea, come, forever ending  
My pilgrimage at length,  
From every grief defending  
By Thy right arm of strength.



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Here have I tarried sadly,  
For this is not my home.  
I shall go forth so gladly  
Whene'er mine end may come.  
Then cheerfully forsaking  
The things I here must have,  
My glad departure taking,  
I'll rest within the grave.

But Thou wilt not forsake me,  
My Joy, my Life, my Light,  
But unto life wilt wake me  
To stand in Thy blest sight.  
Then in that home in glory,  
That land of pure delight,  
With joy I'll stand before Thee,  
Arrayed in shining white.

There I shall reign through ages,  
No guest on alien ground,  
But with the saints and sages,  
The blest whom Thou hast crowned.  
Thy ways before me setting,  
I'll praise Thee age by age,  
These former griefs forgetting  
In my blest heritage.

PAUL GERHARDT,  
*translated by* ALFRED RAMSEY.



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## SOME GOLDEN TEXTS.

(The following is printed in large type in order that it may be read in a poorly lighted Pullman berth or under the dome-light of the automobile.)

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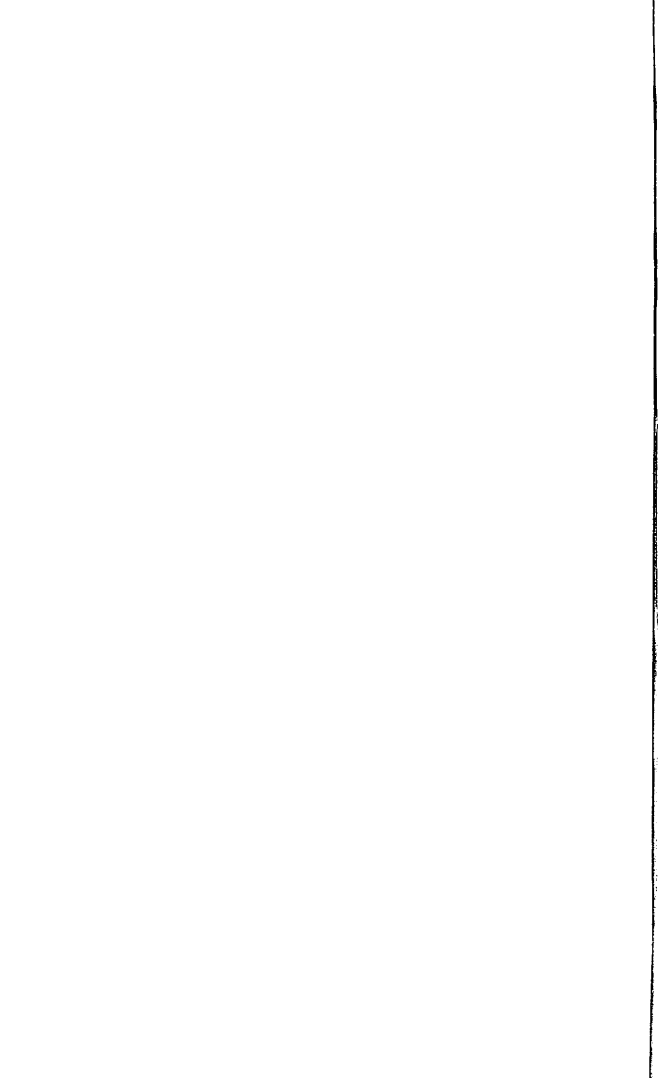
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Whene'er mine end may come.  
Then cheerfully forsaking  
The things I here must have,  
My glad departure taking,  
I'll rest within the grave.

But Thou wilt not forsake me,  
My Joy, my Life, my Light,  
But unto life wilt wake me  
To stand in Thy blest sight.  
Then in that home in glory,  
That land of pure delight,  
With joy I'll stand before Thee,  
Arrayed in shining white.

There I shall reign through ages,  
No guest on alien ground,  
But with the saints and sages,  
The blest whom Thou hast crowned.  
Thy ways before me setting,  
I'll praise Thee age by age,  
These former griefs forgetting  
In my blest heritage.

PAUL GERHARDT,  
*translated by* ALFRED RAMSEY.



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## SOME GOLDEN TEXTS.

(The following is printed in large type in order that it may be read in a poorly lighted Pullman berth or under the dome-light of the automobile.)





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## THE BEATITUDES.



BLESSED are the poor in spirit;  
For theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn;  
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek;  
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and  
thirst after righteousness;  
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful;  
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart;  
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers;  
For they shall be called the children  
of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake;  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*From the Sermon on the Mount.*

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## THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM.



THE Lord is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want. He maketh  
me to lie down in green pas-  
tures; He leadeth me beside  
the still waters. He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteous-  
ness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod  
and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in  
the presence of mine enemies; Thou  
anointest my head with oil; my cup  
runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.



THOU art always the Protector of Thy children, the Good Shepherd of Thy sheep. Thou dost lead us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. We may not see the way, but Thy knowing hand never fails, and our feet will never err if we but follow Thee. We pray that we may trust Thee absolutely and accept every opportunity to do Thy will. Amen.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

What things soever ye desire, when  
ye pray, believe . . . and ye shall  
have them. — *Mark 11, 24.*



UR Father who art in heaven;  
Hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is  
in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass  
against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.

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